

AMENDMENT

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows (a clean copy of the amended claims being attached hereto):

1. (Amended) A method of manufacturing an article comprising the steps of:

juxtaposing a fabric layer having [a] an outer fabric peripheral edge with a layer of thermoplastic material;

cutting the thermoplastic material so that at least a portion thereof overlies said fabric layer and such that its outer edge is spaced outwardly from the outer fabric peripheral edge so that at least a portion thereof extends out beyond the outer fabric peripheral edge so as to not overlie said fabric layer; and

simultaneously with cutting sealing said fabric layer to the portion of the layer of thermoplastic material which overlies said fabric layer to form a sealed periphery.

9. (Amended) A process of manufacturing an article of clothing comprising the steps of:

providing a die with at least one sealing area having at least one flat sealing ledge and at least one cutting edge which extends over the flat sealing ledge;